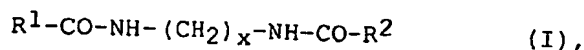


REVISED CLAIMS

1. Pigmentable binder composition for use in synthetic asphalt, which composition comprises a petroleum resin, a lubricating oil and/or a lubricating oil extract, and in the range of from 0.05 to less than 3 % wt based on total composition of an amide additive of general formula:



wherein R^1 and R^2 each independently represent alkyl groups having in the range of from 10 to 60 carbon atoms, and x is an integer in the range of from 1 to 4.

2. Pigmentable binder composition as claimed in claim 1, which further comprises a polymer.
3. Pigmentable binder composition as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the resin is an acidic resin, having an acid value in the range of from 0.5 to 200 mg KOH/g.
4. Pigmentable binder composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the resin is a modified petroleum resin comprising carboxylic acid, carboxylic acid anhydride or hydroxyl groups.
5. Pigmentable binder composition as claimed in claim 4, wherein the resin is a modified petroleum resin obtainable by treating a petroleum resin with maleic anhydride.
6. Pigmentable binder composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the lubricating oil and/or lubricating oil extract is a Bright-Stock extract.
7. Pigmentable binder composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the amide additive of general formula (I) is an ethylene bis-stearamide.
8. Pigmentable binder composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7, which comprises in the range of from 1 to 70 % wt of a petroleum resin; 20 to 97 % wt of a

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lubricating oil and/or a lubricating oil extract; 0.1 to less than 3 % wt of an amide additive of general formula (I); and optionally in the range of from 1 to 15 % wt of a polymer, all weights based on total composition.

9. Synthetic asphalt comprising a mixture of aggregate and a pigmentable binder as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 8.

10. Use of a pigmentable binder composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 8 in synthetic mastic asphalt.

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